

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LUFKIN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**V.**

**THOMAS MARSHALL COUCH**

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**CASE NO. 9:13-CR-28**

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Before the court is a report and recommendation of the United States magistrate judge regarding the Defendant's competency for trial. (Docket No. 59.) No objections have been filed.

Having conducted an independent review, the court concludes that the Defendant is competent to stand trial because he is able to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him, and is able to assist his attorney in his defense. It is therefore

**ORDERED** that the report and recommendation of the United States magistrate judge on the Defendant's competency to stand trial is **ADOPTED**. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Defendant, Thomas Marshall Couch, is competent. The speedy trial time shall be excluded from January 17, 2014 until the date of this order.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **27** day of **May, 2014**.



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Ron Clark, United States District Judge